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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks: